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Nominations sought

The Krewe of Kids is taking applications for king and queen of this year's parade.

Krewe Captain Lisa Coward said she is seeking nominations from boys and girls ages 5 through 12. Please state whether your nominee is a boy or girl.

Nominations will be accepted until Friday, Jan. 22, and you can send them to Coward at 1005 Dunbar Avenue, Bay St. Louis, MS 39520.

The annual parade is scheduled Saturday, Feb. 6.

NAACP hosts award dinner

The Hancock County Branch of the NAACP will host its annual supper theatre and Mother of the Year award program Saturday, Jan. 9, at 7 p.m., at the Hancock County Civic Center, 3070 Longfellow Road, Bay St. Louis.

Speaker for the event will be Ms. Eula Crowell of the Biloxi Branch of the NAACP.

For additional information call 467-2443.

Carey College plans reunions

William Cary College will hold class reunions Saturday, Jan. 30 at 6:30 p.m. in the Thomas Business Building as part of its homecoming celebration.

The classes 1958-59, 68-69, 73-74, 78-79, 88-89 and 93-94 will meet, and a barbecue dinner will be served.

All members of these classes and their families are invited to attend. Dress is casual.

For ticket reservations or information, contact the Alumni Office at 601-582-6107 or 1-800-962-5991 ext. 107.

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Supervisors won't cut P&H loose

BY ED LEPOMA

The current Hancock County Board of Supervisors wants to keep the Port and Harbor Commission under its thumbs.

That's the outcome Monday after District 1 Supervisor Jeep Ladner made the motion to "keep the port as is," and the remaining four supervisors supported the motion.

Ladner's motion was made in response to recommendations sent to supervisors by the Port and Harbor Commission at the last meeting of the year.

The seven-member Port Commission, and its finance committee, had previously passed a resolution supporting proposed changes to be introduced in the upcoming session of the state legislature, which convened Tuesday in Jackson. They asked supervisors to concur in their resolutions, but action was tabled at the December meeting.

One resolution would have, in effect, restructured the enacting legislation that created the P&H Commission. It sought to enact legislation that would have allowed Commissioners to bypass supervisors and approve their own budget and expenditures. The Commission argued that it derives its own income from leases and other activities underway at the county's Port Bienville industrial site, so it should control its own spending, which Hancock Medical Center is allowed to do.

A second resolution would have asked the legislature to raise from the current \$40 per meeting to \$75 per meeting the per diem rate paid commissioners who serve on the board. That rate has remained the same since 1980 for all persons serving on similar port commis-

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Giant Wellman plant ready to come on line

BY ED LEPOMA

Project manager Pete Woody paced the floor like an expectant father. It's just days before his \$400 million baby takes its first breath.

The Echo visited Woody Christmas week when the giant Wellman plastics manufacturing plant was in a "shakedown" mode, going through the checks and balances and preparations needed before the plant's first resin line begins producing at Hancock County's Port Bienville Industrial Park.

Woody's latest estimate is the first production is scheduled to begin around Jan. 13, "but that's not written in stone."

The 440-acre site was a beehive of activity, with construction continuing on the second resin line while technicians and other employees who will man the first production line were going through their paces.

"We're in the shakedown run on the solid state polymeriza-

tion process," Woody explained. The plant takes terephthalic acid (powder) and ethylene glycol (liquid) through a polymerization process to create the PET resin, used worldwide by the plastic bottle industry.

Initially, the plant's first line will have the capacity to produce 235 million pounds of PET resin annually, but once the second line comes on in May of 1999, the capacity will double to 470 million pounds annually.

It will take a staff of 280 operators and technicians working in consort to bring the giant plant to life.

"We're extremely pleased with our operators," said Woody.

With Woody was Rick Lotts, Wellman's Human Resources Manager, who has relocated here from Wellman's South Carolina Plant.

According to Lotts, "We have a lot of people here. We have a lot of people here. We have a lot of people here."

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CARL OLSON

Volunteer firefighter killed

BY ED LEPOMA

The Hancock County Community was stunned Wednesday to hear about the accidental death of Carl Olson, a veteran volunteer fireman and a Commissioner with the Kiln Fire Department.

Olson, 41, was struck by a vehicle at the scene of a mobile home fire about 7:30 p.m. Tuesday as he walked onto the Kiln-DeLisle Road while working to douse the fire. He was taken to Hancock County Medical Cen-

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Murtagh will not seek re-election

BY ELLIS C. CUEVAS

Veteran Hancock County Assessor/Tax Collector Edward D. Murtagh Jr. announced this week that he will not seek re-election in the August primary.

Murtagh, who will be 76 March 5, was elected to fill the unexpired term of the late George Heitzmann in 1978 and was re-elected every regular term since. He was Heitzmann's chief deputy joining the department in 1972.

The major accomplishments of Murtagh's tenure have been many, including an in-house re-appraisal, the mailing of tax bills, and just recently the new electronic collection system.

The tax office's deputies no longer have to seek a receipt for each parcel from large tax



EDWARD D. MURTAGH

roll books as the taxes are paid. Now a computer produces a receipt, which is immediately printed. Murtagh said, "This has really helped cut the time in half it takes to service our residents."

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Candidates qualify for county races

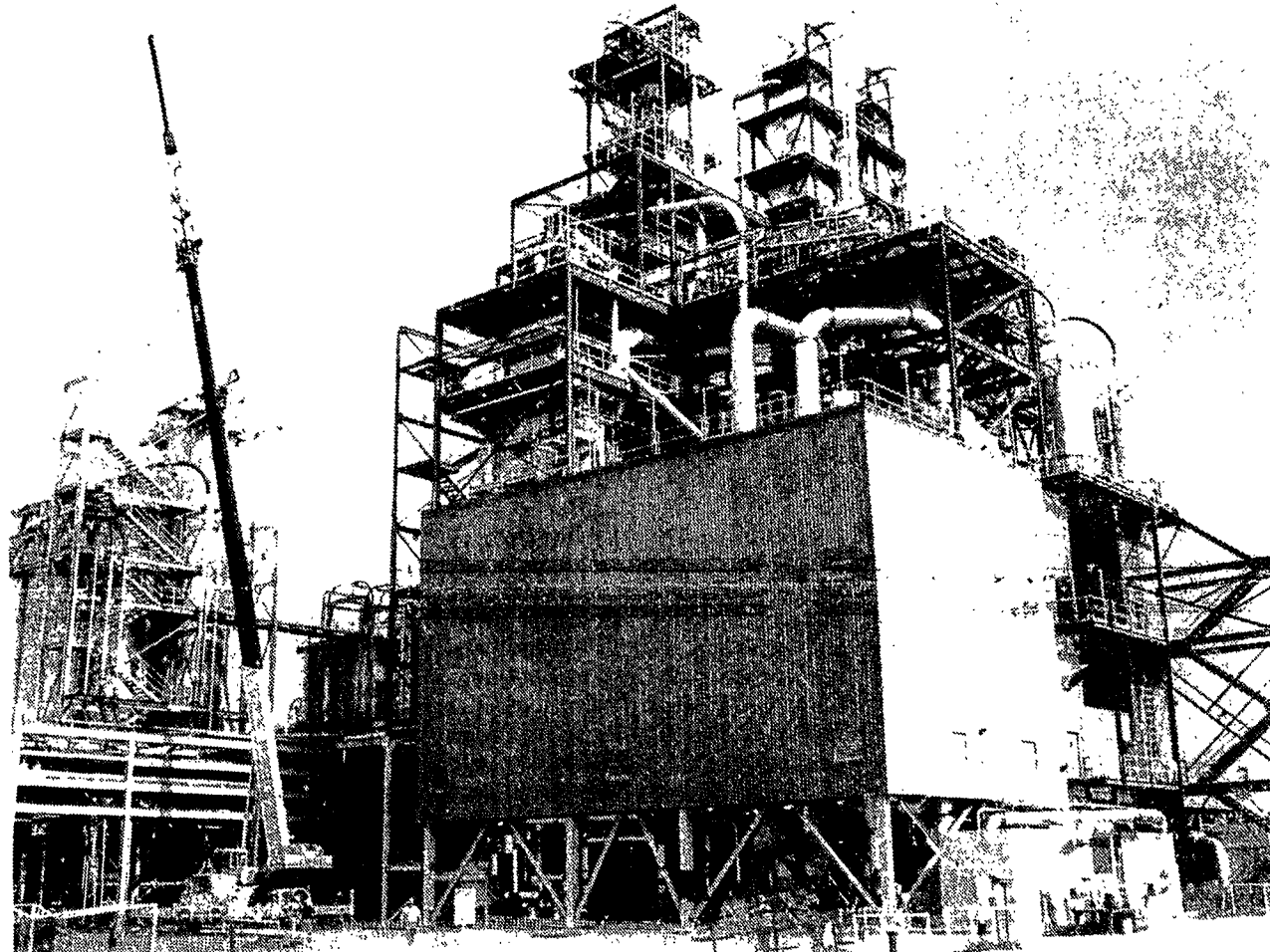
BY ED LEPOMA

District 5 Supervisor Philip Moran has already drawn three opponents, and Sheriff Ronnie Peterson already has two challengers should he decide to seek an unprecedented sixth consecutive term.

Qualifying opened at the Hancock County Circuit Clerk's office Monday for candidates who will seek various county offices in the August primary, and with 14 already filing qualifying papers, it looks like the clerk's office will be busy up until the March 1, 5 p.m. deadline for qualifying.

The biggest surprise this week was an announcement by longtime Tax Assessor/Collector Eddie Murtagh, who has decided against seeking re-election. Murtagh, 76, first won the office in 1978, when he was

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Giant plant

This is a closeup view of the giant polymerization (SSP) unit at the Wellman Plant, scheduled to come on line later this month at Hancock County's Port Bienville Industrial Park. This unit will produce the resin used to make plastic soft drink, juice and water bottles for a worldwide and growing market. (Photo courtesy Wellman, Inc.)

Taylor remains against landfill

BY ED LEPOMA

U.S. Rep. Gene Taylor remains steadfastly opposed to Hancock County putting a combination rubbish site/landfill in the giant buffer zone surrounding Stennis Space Center, but the Solid Waste Authority intends to go forward.

Because the development broke on the Echo's deadline, a more extensive story is planned in Sunday's edition, but the differences between Taylor and the six-member Authority emerged publicly a few weeks ago, and at Thursday's monthly meeting of the Authority, he said he felt compelled to restate his opposition to the landfill and asked the Authority to reconsider its decision.

Taylor was unable to attend Thursday's meeting since Wednesday was the opening day of the 106th Congress, but he sent two lieutenants, Bill Felder and Chris Lagarde, to deliver his message.

That message was loud and clear: Taylor said he felt a landfill in the buffer zone would "jeopardize the existing well-being and the future growth of the Stennis Space Center," where more than 4,000 people are employed.

"At a time when countless communities in America are spending millions to keep these federal installations, I find it inconceivable that a county which benefits from over 4,000 jobs would even consider sending such a negative message to those workers and the agencies who decide where those jobs will be located," said Taylor.

Taylor called the decision to locate a landfill on a proposed site off Flat Top Road in Hancock County "incredibly shortsighted" based on his belief that the future of Stennis might be jeopardized. He said the landfill also raises environmental concerns about groundwater contamination and stormwater drainoff.

While saying he respects Taylor's opinion, Authority Chairman Rocky Pullman challenged the Congressman,

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Waveland to begin drainage work

BY BETSY GAGNET

Waveland residents may soon see improved drainage as the city prepares to begin citywide drainage work.

At Tuesday's regular meeting of the Board of Aldermen, Mayor Tommy Longo announced that next week the city will begin work cleaning out the major natural drains in each ward followed by work on the smaller tributaries.

"We're going to clean out the bigger natural drains that carry the most water first," said Longo. "We'll get those operational, clean them out, straighten them out, and then go from there."

Once begun, the work will continue six days a week, he added.

In other news from Waveland, the city is trying to find money in the budget for funds requested by Hancock County Civil Defense Director Lynette Carbon in order to create a special needs shelter.

Carbon has requested \$2,952 as the city's portion of matching funds needed to obtain a Hancock County Hazard Mitigation grant for the shelter. The grant, totaling \$35,424, would cover costs of installing permanently

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Bay holds off paying contractor

BY MARY G. SEILEY

Bay St. Louis city officials agreed Tuesday to withhold final payments for the Ulman Street pier reconstruction project.

The action came after council member James Thriffley complained that the contractor, Clark Construction Co., had shaved 20 to 25 feet off the bluff along North Beach Boulevard, and said he wants it restored.

Council was told the city has withheld over \$21,000 in liquidated damages so far, penalties amassed because the work fell far behind schedule. In addition, the city has retained \$53,000 in contract payments until the city is satisfied that the job is complete, Municipal Clerk Bobby Parker said.

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SAMUEL PETERSON III
ROBERT STAPLER

BETTE K. ALFORD

Bette Alford, 75, died Thursday, Dec. 31, 1998, in Bay St. Louis.

Mrs. Alford was a native of New Britain, Conn. She was a 1943 graduate of Tufts University, Boston, Mass., with a bachelor of science degree in geology. Upon graduation, she was employed by American Airlines. Throughout the years she was a volunteer with the American Heart Association, National Cancer Society, Baylor University Hospital, Republican women's organizations, March of Dimes and the Easter Seal Society. She was retired from Church Homes, Inc. in Hartford, Conn. in 1995 and subsequently relocated to Mississippi.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Lauritz L. Alford; and by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur N. Klebes.

Survivors include a daughter, Holly Alford Bartlett of Slidell; and two sons, Douglas Holt Alford of Bay St. Louis and L. L. Alford Jr. of Ft. Lauderdale, Fla.; a sister, Jean Cowles of Cape Cod, Mass.; and five grandchildren.

A memorial service was conducted Tuesday at Christ Episcopal Church in Bay St. Louis. Edmond Fahey Funeral Home in Bay St. Louis was in charge of arrangements.

The family prefers donations to the American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals and area hospice programs.

CLETA BROADUS

Cleta Broadus, 94, of McHenry, died Monday, Jan. 4, 1999, in Gulfport.

Mrs. Broadus was a homemaker and was a member of McHenry First Baptist Church.

Survivors include a son, Wyatt Broadus of McHenry; three daughters, Floy Simpson of Diamondhead, Wilma O'Neal of McHenry and Marlene Ladner of Pass Christian; seven grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

Visitation was Wednesday evening at Moore Funeral Home in Wiggins. Services will be conducted 1:30 p.m. today in the funeral home chapel, followed by burial in McHenry Oaklawn Cemetery.

The family prefers memorials to Alzheimer Foundation, P.O. Box 4361, Biloxi, MS 39535-4361.

RAYMOND BROWN JR.

Raymond Miller Brown Jr., 48, of Bay St. Louis, died Thursday, Dec. 31, 1998, in Bay St. Louis.

Mr. Brown was a native of New Orleans and a resident of Bay St. Louis for the past three years. He was a member of Central Baptist Church in Bay St. Louis and was a veteran of the

U.S. Army having served in the Vietnam War.

He was preceded in death by his mother, Joyce Mary Weber Brown.

Survivors include three sons, Raymond M. Brown III of Picayune, David Bennett of Baton Rouge, and Johnny Weber of New Orleans; a daughter, Joyce Marie Bennett of Marrero, father and stepmother, Raymond M. Sr. and Laura Brown of Hammond; six brothers, Stacey Brown of Marrero, Peter Brown of Nicholson, Charles Brown of Hammond, Harry Brown of Pearl River, La., Duke Brown of San Antonio, Texas, and Jesse Brown of Chalmette, a sister, Kathleen Moran of Bay St. Louis; and his companion, Teresa Real and her son Ethan of Bay St. Louis, and three grandchildren.

A graveside service will be conducted today at 12:30 p.m. at Biloxi National Cemetery.

Edmond Fahey Funeral Home in Bay St. Louis is in charge of arrangements.

**ROSS BURKE JR.**

Ross Carlin Burke Jr., 65, of Waveland, died Sunday, Jan. 3, 1999, in Gulfport.

Mr. Burke was a native of New Orleans and a resident of Waveland for 17 years. He was a member of St. Clare Catholic Church in Waveland, a member of American Legion Post 77, Waveland; VFW Post 3253, Bay-Waveland area; Voiture 432 of the 40/8; former member of BPO Elks of the Bay-Waveland area; vice president of Advanced Fire Protection Systems, Inc. and president of Technical Support Services, Inc., Waveland. He was a veteran of the U.S. Air Force serving in the Korean Conflict. He was also a past member of the Waveland Civic Association.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Ross Carlin Sr. and Frances Louise Parker Burke.

Survivors include his wife, Betty Heim Burke of Waveland; two sons, Gregory Zimek of Bay St. Louis and Robert Zimek of Mandeville, La.; a daughter, Barbara Key of Ft. Meyers, Fla.; and four grandchildren.

Visitation was Wednesday at St. Clare Catholic Church in Waveland followed by a Funeral Mass. Burial was in Gardens of Memory Cemetery in Bay St. Louis.

Edmond Fahey Funeral Home in Bay St. Louis was in charge of arrangements.

JESUS CALIX

Jesus "Chuy" Calix, 77, of Kiln, died Sunday, Jan. 3, 1999 in Diamondhead.

Mr. Calix was a retired Merchant Seaman and a native of La Ceiba, Honduras.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Alejandro and Marie Andino Calix; sons Wesley Calix and William Calix; three brothers and a sister.

Survivors include a son, Richard Calix of Kiln; four daughters, Carmen Finegan of Bay St. Louis, Mary Ramirez of San Antonio, Texas, Norma Ladner and Victoria Quintini, both of Kiln; and 12 grandchildren.

Visitation will be today, 11:30 a.m. until 1:30 p.m. at Riemann Funeral Home in Bay St. Louis. A graveside service will follow at 2 p.m. in Bayou Coco Cemetery.

PHILIP DAVENPORT

Philip Ray Davenport, 73, of Bay St. Louis, died Monday, Jan. 4, 1999, in Bay St. Louis.

Arrangements are incomplete at Edmond Fahey Funeral Home in Bay St. Louis.

MAUDE HESTER

Maude Hester, 85, died Monday, Jan. 4, 1999, in Gulfport.

Mrs. Hester was a native of Pass Christian and had been a lifelong Coast resident. She was a graduate of Kiln High School and Hotel Dieu Nursing School. She was a registered nurse and was a member of St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church in Gulfport where she was a member of the Altar Society.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Harvel H. Hester.

Survivors include two daughters, Karen Rice of Knob Knoster, Mo., and Jean Garriques of Gulfport; a brother, Albert Wicktom of Pass Christian; a sister, Lilly Mae DiMaggio of New Orleans; and five grandchildren.

Services were conducted Wednesday at Riemann Funeral Home Chapel in Gulfport, followed by burial in Evergreen Gardens in Gulfport.

The family prefers memorials to the Alzheimer Foundation, P.O. Box 4361, Biloxi, MS 39535-4361.

HAROLD LAFONTAINE

Harold "John" LaFontaine, 49, of Lakeshore, died Saturday, Jan. 2, 1999, in Gulfport.

Mr. LaFontaine was a native of Lakeshore and was a member of St. John Catholic Church in Lakeshore.

He was preceded in death by a son, Raymond Francis LaFontaine; his parents, Raymond and Isabelle Green LaFontaine; and brothers Clifton LaFontaine and Leroy LaFontaine.

Survivors include his wife, Bonnie LaFontaine of Lakeshore; a son, Doug LaFontaine of Lakeshore; a daughter, Sue Ann LaFontaine of Lakeshore; a brother, Cornelius LaFontaine of Ansley; sisters Leatrice Rasmussen of Lakeshore, Dorothy Prive of Gulfport and Velma Mackles of Arabi, La.; and two grandchildren.

Visitation was Tuesday evening at Riemann Funeral Home in Bay St. Louis. Mass was celebrated Wednesday at St. John Catholic Church in Lakeshore, followed by burial in Lakeshore Cemetery.

EDWIN R. LING SR.

Edwin Rodger Ling Sr., 67, of Pass Christian, died Saturday, Jan. 2, 1999 in Gulfport.

Mr. Ling was the first Chief Legal Officer or Chief Counsel at Stennis Space Center. He also had served in that position at the Michoud Assembly Facility in New Orleans and at the Marshall Space Flight Center in Huntsville, Ala. Prior to that he had been an attorney with the Atomic Energy Commission and served with the United States Attorney's Office for the Southern District of New York as well as with the Central Intelligence Agency. He was in private practice of law for 30 years and he was the author of six non-fiction books. Mr. Ling was born in Wichita, Kansas and was a graduate of Grinnell College, Iowa and the New York University School of Law. He served on the Hancock County Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors twice, as well as president of the Hancock County

Lions Club, the Waveland Players and the Mississippi Chapter of the Federal Bar Association.

He was preceded in death by his first wife, Ingrid Hilke Ling; two sisters, Delphine Armfield and Jewell Kernohan; and his parents, Frank and Lila Ling.

Survivors include his wife, Sue Ling, three daughters, Lorelei Pulliam of Afton, Va., Kristin Smith of Arlington, Ga., and Magan Winter of Kissimmee, Fla.; two sons, Edwin Rodger Ling Jr. and Frank Clifford Ling; a grandson, Gabriel Jacob Ling, all living in or near Chattanooga, Tenn.; and a brother, Carl Ambrose Ling of Tampa, Fla.

A memorial service will be conducted today at 11 a.m. at the Church of the Good Shepherd on Esby Avenue in Pass Christian. Visitation will follow the service in the fellowship hall.

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Card of Thanks

1998 is over, and I look back on this year with joy. Joy because we were able to offer abused and neglected children of this county a safe refuge from adults who will not, or sometimes cannot, care for them.

Joy because the good people of this county have shown their concern about children who are innocent victims.

Joy because our elected officials recognize the true worth of what Hope Haven is trying to accomplish and provided support in both word and deed.

Joy because our relationships with the other agencies that deal with our children have grown in number and in quality.

Joy because we have started to receive support for our efforts from people and organizations all along the Gulf Coast.

Joy because I work with some very special men and women who care about children, board members and shelter employees.

Joy because newspapers, radio stations and television stations are telling our story across the Coast. Joy because the reality of building a new shelter — which will enable us to provide a stable long-term home for up to 12 children and short-term shelter for eight children — is slowly but surely becoming a reality, thanks to organizations like the Bret Favre Foundation, the Sea Wolves, Casino Magic, Wellman and other individuals who have donated to our building fund.

Joy because I have held children in my arms who have been raped, tortured, starved, degraded and ignored and have seen how they respond to what every one of us requires to live a healthy life — love.

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Corrections

An incorrect headline concerning salaries for Waveland city officials appeared in the Dec. 20 issue of the Sea Coast Echo. The headline indicated that the salaries of the Waveland Aldermen were increased. However, there was no increase in the aldermen's salary, with each remaining at \$7,800 per year or \$650 per month. Ward 3 Alderman Louie Smolensky will receive an additional \$50 per month for his duties as Mayor Pro-tempore.

The salaries of the mayor, city secretary and aldermen remain fixed for four years.

The Echo apologizes for any confusion.

Pam Gauthreaux, administrator of Hancock County's Water and Sewer District, said she made a mistake in Sunday's story, calling Dave Favre the architect who designed the District's proposed office building and warehouse.

Favre is not a licensed architect, and Gauthreaux said District vice-chairman Herman Johnson actually designed the building and asked Favre to draft the plans.

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The family prefers memorials to a favorite charity or to the Church of the Good Shepherd.

Riemann Funeral Home in Bay St. Louis is in charge of arrangements.

BESSIE C. LIZANA

Bessie C. Lizana, 91, of Bay St. Louis, died Saturday, Jan. 2, 1999, in New Orleans.

Mrs. Lizana was a native of LaBadieville, La., and had been a resident of Bay St. Louis for 60 years. She was a member of the Ladies Auxiliary of the Knights of Peter Claver for 50 years and of the Mother Catherine Drexell Court.

Survivors include a son, Kent Taylor of Bay St. Louis; two daughters, Sheila T. Twiggs of Bay St. Louis and Yolanda T. Barrow of New Orleans; and five great-great-grandchildren.

A Funeral Mass will be celebrated today at 10 a.m. at St. Rose de Lima Catholic Church in Bay St. Louis, where friends may call an hour before service time.

Burial will be in Cedar Rest Cemetery in Bay St. Louis.

United Funeral Services Inc. in New Orleans is in charge of arrangements.

CARL A. OLSEN

Carl Arnold Olsen, 41, of Kiln, died Tuesday, Jan. 5, 1999, in Bay St. Louis.

Arrangements are incomplete at Riemann Funeral Home in Bay St. Louis.

SAMUEL PETERSON III

Samuel Ora Peterson III, 47, of Pass Christian, died Tuesday, Jan. 5, 1999, in Gulfport.

Mr. Peterson was a native of Bay St. Louis. He recently retired after 29 years with MDOT. He was a member of Highland Baptist Church in Pass Christian.

He was preceded in death by a son, Brendon Cole Peterson; his father, Samuel O. Peterson Jr.; a brother, Billy Saucier; and his stepfather, William Terry Saucier.

Survivors include his wife, Elizabeth A. Peterson; a son, Jay J. Peterson; a daughter, Brandy L. Ladner, all of Pass Christian; his mother, Annie L. Saucier of Pass Christian; step-mother, Margaret Hover of Gulfport; brothers Kinca Saucier, Benny Ray Saucier, both of Pass Christian; Tim Peterson of Bay St. Louis and Kevin Peterson of Gulfport; and sisters Dixie Cornell of Pass Christian, Dimple Borja of Lizana and Cindy DeFrances of Gulfport; and five grandchildren.

Visitation was Wednesday at Riemann Funeral Home Chapel in Pass Christian. Funeral services will be conducted 2 p.m. today in the funeral home chapel. Burial will be in Gardens of Memory in Bay St. Louis.

ROBERT STAPLER

Robert Jules Stapler, 71, of Gretna, died Monday, Jan. 4, 1999, in Waveland.

Arrangements are incomplete at Edmond Fahey Funeral Home in Bay St. Louis.

Looking back: 1998 in review

Elections top Waveland news

BY BETSY GAGNET

City elections topped the 1998 news in Waveland as voters sent a new mayor and three new aldermen into office.

In the mayor's race, Democrat Tommy Longo ousted incumbent Republican John Mason in a decisive victory. Longo, who previously served as Ward 1 Alderman, follows in the footsteps of his father, John Longo who served as mayor from 1974-1990.

Milton Bernard took over Longo's seat in Ward 1, joining fellow Democrats Ricky Geofrey in Ward 2, Louis Smolensky in Ward 3 and Charles Piazza in Ward 4 on the Board of Aldermen.

Smolensky was the only incumbent to win re-election, returning for his fifth term. Geofrey defeated Ward 2 incumbent Jay Fleuret, and in Ward 4 Al Kingston, Jr. did not seek re-election.

Fleuret stayed in the news while involved in a zoning dispute concerning the operation of his home business.

Earlier in the year, the city saw changes in its public works department with the resignation of former Public Works Director Steve Landry. Landry resigned on February 13 for other employment.

The position was taken over by Ray Eaton who has a long association with the city. Eaton's firm, Eaton and Associates previously served as engineers on the Garfield Ladner Pier extension.

Despite the personnel changes in the public works department, infrastructure improvements continued. Among the projects undertaken last year were drainage improvements to Sandy and Tide Streets and the Waveland Avenue Culvert replacement project. Both projects benefited drainage in surrounding areas.

The city's economic growth was evidenced by over 55 applications for new businesses filed in 1998.

In the fire department, Waveland Fire Chief David Garcia was elected president of the Mississippi Fire Chiefs Association. Garcia has been with

the department for 20 years,

serving for the last 12 as chief.

Local fishermen were in luck last year with the creation of a cave reef just off the end of the municipal pier. The reef was a concerted effort of Congressman Gene Taylor's office, the City of Waveland and the Mississippi Gulf Fishing Banks Project.

The pier was one of the few in the area to sustain only very minor damage during a severe February storm. The 200-foot extension, paid for with Mississippi Tidelands funds, was dedicated in December. The city has received additional funding for future expansion of the pier and a possible marina.

In June, the city hosted the first annual Post 77 Sons of the Legion Fishing Rodeo which attracted a number of participants despite extremely hot temperatures.

Over 375 young fishermen tried their luck in the third annual Waveland Civic Association Fishing Rodeo, held in September. In addition to some competitive fishing and crab races, the kids enjoyed game booths, pony rides, face painting and a space walk.

The Waveland Civic Association also got into the Christmas spirit with its first Christmas parade which was held in conjunction with the city's Festival of Lights.

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And the man replied, "Put your hand into the hand of God. That shall be to you better than light, safer than a known way."

(A New Year's message from Britain's King George to his embattled people at the beginning of WW II).

Lord, as the old year closes, help me take time to examine the relationships in my life. Are they in good repair? Are there doubts of any kind that need my attention? Give me the courage to admit my errors and shortcomings and the character and your grace to correct them. I give you control of this new year and pray that I may grow more like you with each passing day. Amen.

The best thing for gray hair is a sensible head.

Even to your old age and gray hairs... I am he who will sustain you. I have made you and I will carry you; I will sustain you and I will rescue you.

Isaiah 46:4

CCD, CYO and RCIA resumed at their regular times Monday, Jan. 4 and will continue until further notice in the spring.

St. Ann's Saturday Vigil Mass will continue at 4 p.m. until March.

Sunday Mass at St. John Church, Clermont Harbor, remains at 8 a.m.

Mass at St. Ann Church is held at 10:30 a.m. on Monday, Thursday and Friday.

On Wednesdays, mass is held at St. Ann's at 6:30 p.m.

Eucharistic Adoration is every first Friday following St.

Ann's 8:30 a.m. mass until noon, ending with Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

Votive candles to St. Jude can be lighted any time of day at your convenience by visiting St. Ann Church through the chapel entrance.

Parish office hours: Monday, noon-5 p.m.; Wednesday, 9 a.m.-4 p.m.; and Thursday, 9 a.m.-4 p.m.

Burglary at elementary school under investigation

BY B. R. HAWKINS

Acting Superintendent of Education for Hancock County Eddie Danzey reported to school board members Monday, Jan. 4, Charles B. Murphy Elementary School in Pearlinton was burglarized during the holidays. Danzey is filling in for Superintendent Terry Randolph who is out of the country.

"We had a break-in on Wednesday, Dec. 30, at C. B. Murphy," Danzey said, "The burglars broke into the cafeteria and tore up a filing cabinet. In all, we lost approximately \$47 in cash, one printer, a VCR and a donated microwave oven."

Hancock County Sheriff's Deputy Nathan Hoda, who indicated there has been a sudden rash of burglaries in the Pearlinton area, said the incident is under investigation.

Waveland aldermen approve zoning recommendations

BY BETSY GAGNET

The Waveland Board of Aldermen on Tuesday acted on the following recommendations of the Planning and Zoning Commission:

A request by Dr. and Mrs. Breaux for plat approval to subdivide a parcel of land in order to sell a lot adjoining property located at 320 South Beach Boulevard was approved.

A five-foot side yard variance requested by Mr. and Mrs. Joe Thompson was approved on property located at 116 Bienville Drive. The variance was requested in order to build a new residence.

A 20-foot variance from the rear yard building setback requested by Patrick Johnson for property located at 612 South Beach Boulevard was approved. The variance was requested in order to construct an attached storage building at the

rear of a home.

A nine-foot variance from the required building setback and a three-foot variance from the side setback requested by Donny Carter was approved for property located at 229 Sandy Street. The variances were requested in order to construct a detached garage.

Adult Literary Education

The Hancock County Library System sponsors an Adult Literacy Education Program at the Waveland Library Literacy Center, 333 Coleman Avenue, Waveland. Classes provided include GED, basic skills, reading one-on-one, reading classes and more.

Day classes are Monday through Thursday. Evening classes are Mondays and Thursdays.

To register or for information, call Donna Hutchings at 467-9240.

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"CUEVAS' QUOTES"

By Ellis C. Cuevas

Many things will happen come Jan. 1, 2000. One will be that long-time dedicated servant, Edward D. Murtagh Jr., is no longer Hancock County's Assessor/Tax Collector.

Mr. Eddie, as he is known by many, has been in the tax office since 1972 and was elected in 1978 to fill the unexpired term of the late George Heitzmann.

Now folks, the job of a tax collector is among the oldest professions and the one probably most despised.

All one has to do is pick up a Bible and read about how tax collectors were among the most unlikeable people.

The job of tax collector is not an easy task.

Just like in the old days, someone else sets the tax rate, and the job of collecting is up to the tax collector.

One of Murtagh's primary strengths over the years has been his selection of professional deputies to work in his office.

He has been able to get deputies to work together as a team.

He had ways to bring them together with special (pot luck) dinners on special occasions. His deputies dressed in Halloween costumes on Halloween, the first group I know of in the area to do so.

Murtagh is always seeking better ways of serving the public, trying to make it and easier to pay one's taxes.

Most of the transactions with the office of tax collector can now be handled through the U.S. mail.

It was through Eddie's efforts and cooperation and with county, Bay-Waveland's officials that one can pay all property taxes at one stop.

A property owner of Waveland had to pay property taxes at three locations, while a Bay property owner had two locations.

Murtagh always did his "homework" by never seeking any help for a project before making a full study, knowing all the answers before proposing it to the county leaders, the Board of Supervisors.

If anyone deserves a retirement at age 76, it has to be Eddie Murtagh.

I know this. He was on the job not just 8 to 5 Monday through Friday, as I would see him checking the office and also collecting the mail on Saturdays and days his office was closed.

Big shoes to fill, yes, that will be the job for the person elected in November to become Hancock County's tax collector beginning Jan. 1, 2000.

To top Mr. Eddie's efforts, that will not be done over night, and that for sure will have to be seen.

The American Cancer Society's annual Red Beans & Rice Cook-Off for Hancock County in 1999 is now in the formative stage.

An initial meeting was held Monday at the Hancock County Chamber of Commerce with another scheduled at noon on Wednesday, Jan. 27.

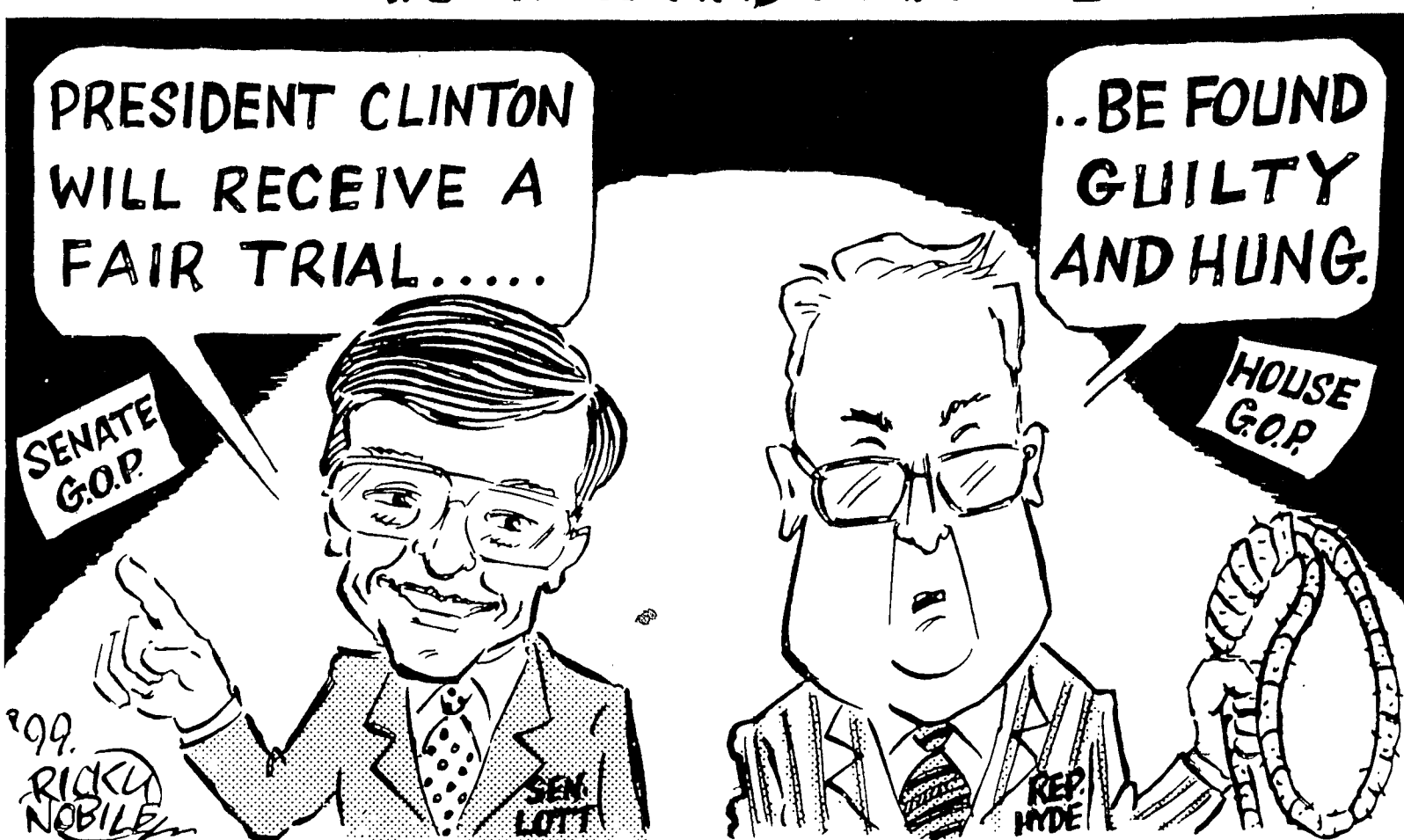
The cook-off is always a great get-together of businesses and organizations, and everyone has a good time. It's a great fund raiser benefiting the American Cancer Society.

Your help is needed, and there are all types of possible assistance.

Persons interested in helping with the great fund raiser can attend this meeting, or call Angelia Mazingo, area manager at 896-7024, or the Chamber at 467-9048.

We will be giving you more information as the date nears for the cook-off to be held near the end of March.

DR. JEKYL AND MR. HYDE



FROM THE GOVERNOR

By Governor Kirk Fordice

Parental choice is a pro-student, pro-education innovation

The opportunity to choose good, safe schools should be accorded all children, especially those trapped in Mississippi's lowest state-rated school districts. Lower income should not preclude Mississippians from choosing the most productive, accountable and effective schools.

George Will's endorsement of parental choice bears repeating: "It takes a village of vigilant liberals to keep poor children chained on the plantation of public education."

My 1999 legislative agenda includes an initiative to allow students in substandard school districts to attend any public or private school. This positive proposal has drawn an uncanny amount of vindictive ink from liberal elitists terrified of losing control of their public education bureaucracy.

Parental choice for those trapped in Mississippi's lowest-rated public schools is a pro-student, pro-education innovation. Because of bureaucratic opposition, Mississippi is already behind the power curve of implementing school choice for substandard school districts.

Thousands of Milwaukee children already apply state funds to the schools of their choice. The Wisconsin school choice system passed the Supreme Court test of constitutionality. National studies confirm that low-income students benefit from the change of educational venue.

National columnists of all political persuasions endorse parental choice. From William Raspberry to George Will, many brilliant minds are welcoming this breath of fresh air in a stale, failed, stymied system.

Those liberal leftists who vehemently oppose school choice expose a fear of competi-

tion so intense that they would sacrifice the futures of thousands of innocents on the altar of teachers' unions and gorged bureaucracy.

School choice advances neither conservative nor liberal politics. School choice is about disadvantaged children getting a break, securing a sound education, staying off the streets and out of jail, and having a future.

Under my proposal, all children within the boundaries of the substandard districts would have school choice paid for by the state — including those already attending private or parochial schools.

The formula for this innovation is straightforward: state money follows the child. The per pupil expenditure appropriated to the State Department of Education follows the student. The per pupil expenditure for the 1996-97 school year was \$4,491.28 per child.

This step marks only the beginning of making the public school system responsive to the students' needs, education and future. We must focus the education bureaucrats on the students they are paid to serve, instead of their being attuned to the political power of the uncompromising and unproductive teachers' unions and the dictates of self-preservation.

Wake up, Mississippi, while there is still time to salvage an entire generation. Join your voice to the thousands of disadvantaged children who beg for the chance to prove themselves, to reach for the stars, to realize their dreams, and in so doing, to make our world a better, brighter, safer place.

Please call your legislators in support of our school choice proposal: 601/359-3770

TECHNICALITIES

By State Auditor Phil Bryant
ATTORNEY GENERAL SAYS
ONLY ONE SALARY CAP PER YEAR

In an opinion to State Auditor Phil Bryant dated Dec. 2, 1998, Attorney General Mike Moore said in cases where more than one person holds the office of chancery clerk in one calendar year they must share the yearly salary of \$75,600 provided in Section 9-1-43 of the Mississippi Code.

The opinion states it was the intent of the Legislature that the annual salary apply to the office, and not to the individual who holds the office, and "Therefore . . . the salary cap does not reset and does not give the new clerk the potential to receive the full annual allotment of fees for his partial year in office."

Rather, the new chancery

clerk's salary for the remainder of that year would be limited by the unfulfilled salary cap of the old clerk."

The salary should be determined on a pro rata basis, according to the Attorney General, based on time in office: "For example, if a person holds the office of clerk for 60 days in a calendar year he could receive fees up to 60/365 of the salary cap."

Additionally, the opinion states records required to be kept by the clerk for salary cap purposes are public records under Section 25-61-3, and must be delivered to the incoming clerk, subject to rules promulgated by the State Auditor.

Although this opinion was written regarding the chancery clerk's office, it is the position of the State Auditor's Office that this opinion applies to the office of the circuit clerk as well.

Bankruptcy settle debts, but with consequences

(Fourth in a series)

Bankruptcy is the final financial safety net for consumers and businesses. Federal bankruptcy law gives people or businesses who have gotten deeply in debt a way to pay all, part or none of the debt and begin again with a clean slate. It also may help creditors recoup at least a percentage of the monies owed them.

The long-term effect of the bankruptcy on the debtor, however, is a damaged credit history that can hinder future attempts to get a loan, a credit card, or a mortgage. Therefore, bankruptcy should be the solution of last resort. Alternatives exist to help a person or business in financial straits settle the debts and avoid bankruptcy.

The first option is to speak directly with the creditors to see if they are willing to accept a smaller cash payment to settle the debt or to stretch small-term payments over a longer period of time. A business's credit manager is the person to contact. For past due accounts, contact the collections manager. If the debts involve several creditors, a financial or consumer credit counseling program can help by setting up a budget for the debtor, negotiating with creditors, and designing a repayment plan acceptable to all.

Several credit counseling sources exist, both non-profit and for-profit organizations.

Universities, county extension agencies, credit unions, housing authorities, and banks often offer such services for little or no fee.

For-profit counseling centers charge a fee, and vary in their effectiveness. Non-profit centers receive part of their funding from creditors, lowering the fees to the debtor. However, some of these programs may favor the creditor in designing the repayment plans. A little research will help determine which counseling program fits the situation best.

Consumer Credit Counseling Services (CCCS) are non-profit programs located across the U.S. to help individuals get on the right financial track. They assist the debtor in budgeting and establishing a repayment plan agreeable to creditors.

Under such a plan, the debtor may still have to pay interest charges on the debts. However, creditors may waive, or dismiss, the interest charges when a CCCS repayment plan exists. The debtor makes a monthly payment to the CCCS, who in turn pays the creditors. The organization may charge a small monthly fee.

To find the nearest Consumer Credit Counseling Service office, check the telephone directory or call the National Foundation for Consumer Credit toll-free at 1-800-388-2227.

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New master plan expected for Casino Magic development

BY MARY G. SEILEY

The buy out of Casino Magic by Hollywood Park may have some dramatic local ramifications.

A new master plan for development of the gigantic casino/resort site is expected to be complete by the end of next month and, apparently, Hollywood Park is a financially substantial enough corporation to implement it.

Joe Billhimer, Magic's general manager, said Tuesday the plan for sure will include a hotel -- but it might not be located where you think it will be. Would it include another gaming barge? "Other gaming sites here are possible," he said.

Such an expansion of facilities in Bay St. Louis may involve moving the existing Magic barge from one site to another within the basin where it now floats, he said. Another barge, whether or not owned by Hollywood Park, easily could be accommodated at the site, Billhimer added.

And if a second gaming operation comes to town, it'll have to bring hotel rooms with it, Billhimer added.

Casino Magic, which began operations six years ago, is headquartered in Bay St. Louis on a bustling 600-acre site. In addition to the 125,000-square foot barge casino, its holdings include a new entertainment complex with a stage and dance floor. The new facility can seat up to 1,000 people at tables.

Elsewhere on the tract is an 18-hole Arnold Palmer golf course and academy, an 11-acre golf practice facility and a clubhouse.

In addition, Casino Magic is home to a 50-slip marina, a 100-vehicle RV park, a 201-room inn and a child care facility. There are over 2,000 parking spaces on the tract.

While the Bay St. Louis property was the first Casino Magic operation, two others have been developed by the corporation, including facilities in Biloxi and Bossier City, La.

In Biloxi, a new hotel complex has been opened on the casino's 11-acre tract, near the 117,600-square foot gaming barge. A 200-

room luxury hotel is now completed to complement the Bossier City casino.

Aside from the three gaming properties in the U.S., Casino Magic also partially owns and operates two casinos in Argentina.

All the development, property acquisitions and expansions culminated in Hollywood Park's buy-out in October 1998 -- an \$86.6 million deal that made the locally-based company a subsidiary of an Inglewood, Ca. corporation.

Hollywood Park's flagship property is a horse race track, but it has jumped heavily into the gaming business sector. In June 1997, Hollywood Park bought Boomtown Inc., which operates casinos in Reno, Nev., New Orleans and Biloxi.

Just a few days after Casino Magic stockholders approved the merger plan with Hollywood Park, the Indiana Gaming Commission gave the last river boat gaming license for the Ohio River to Hollywood Park. Plans there include a cruising river boat with 38,000 square feet of gaming space, a 309-room land based hotel, and an 18-hole golf course.

Hollywood Park also owns and leases The Crystal Park Hotel and Casino in Los Angeles.

In all, the corporation will have six casinos in three states, two card club casinos in California, and three pari-mutual race tracks.

Negotiations between the two corporations came during 18 months of exploration by Casino Magic on its own future direction.

Corporate officials said they were concerned over increased competition, the need for more capital to enhance existing properties, and the company's lack of earnings over a four year period through 1997.

Even as Casino Magic was expanding its holdings and amenities, other area casinos were too, and two new, giant casinos came under construction in Biloxi. Other additional competition

which has worried Casino Magic officials is the potential for two casinos off Interstate 10 near Diamondhead.

While eyeing the ever-expanding casino industry, Casino Magic officials said they needed cash to continue investing -- including a hotel in Bay St. Louis.

Billhimer said a recently completed feasibility study shows "it's very possible to build and fill 500 rooms at a minimum. That's at a minimum. The study found a potential for up to 1,200 rooms, he said.

The master plan will recommend where to put such a facility. While piles for a hotel were driven several years ago next to the casino barge, Billhimer said it may be that's not the best place on the Casino Magic acreage for a hotel.

Hollywood Park officials "want to do it right, in the right spot," said Billhimer of the hotel project. "We're exploring all the options."

Aside from hotel rooms and a potential for a second gaming facility, those options under study include expanding the 18-hole golf course and major improvements to the on-site marina.

In the interim, Magic expects to implement some sprucing up that's been postponed for a while, including new carpeting and painting inside the casino, and adding some new machines.

The sheer size of the Hollywood Park corporation puts Casino Magic in a vastly improved position to expand. "The immediate result to us is being part of a much bigger corporation and having access to much more capital than as Casino Magic alone," he said.

One long-planned project that may come to fruition this year is construction of the final leg of Casino Magic's boulevard. Property negotiations had bogged down in past years are now active, said Billhimer, and should lead to the construction this year. The road will stretch from Highway 90 across lands behind Hancock Medical Center, crossing Blue Meadow Road.

Meanwhile, there have been some personnel changes at the executive level. Gone are Ed Ernst, formerly president of Casino Magic, and financial

officer Jay Osmond.

The new Hollywood Park casino division president and chief operating officer is Paul Alanis, who comes from Hollywood's ranks. So does Mike Allen, senior vice president and chief operating officer. Both men come from the Horseshoe casino.

Marlin Torguson remains as president and chief executive officer of Casino Magic Corp., and serves on the Hollywood Park board of directors.

The casino's 1,200 local employees, meanwhile, have seen no changes in numbers as a result of the casino merger. But Billhimer said there may be some personnel benefit upgrades in the future, as a result of Casino Magic's new standing in a much larger company.

Hancock ROTC program commended

The Hancock High School Junior ROTC battalion was recently recognized as Honor Unit with Distinction for the 1998-99 school year.

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Employee of the Year

The Diamondhead Property Owners Association presented the Employee of the Year Award to Buck Nelson at a recent Board of Directors meeting. Pictured, from left, are Buck Nelson, POA President Al Cronvich, POA General Manager Jim Leduc and Kenny McGeehee, manager of Roads, Grounds and Recreation.

Procurement Center to host one-day symposium in Gulfport

The Mississippi Procurement Center will host a symposium from 8 a.m. until noon, Thursday, Jan. 14, at the Holiday Inn Beachfront, Hwy. 90, in Gulfport.

Participants in the Financial Electronic Data Interchange and Government Purchase Card Symposium will include representatives from the U. S. Treasury Department Financial Management Service, Austin, Texas; the Southern Financial Exchange, New Orleans; Navy Purchase Card Program

Office, Mechanicsburg, Penn.; MasterCard, Washington, D.C.; Whitney National Bank, Mississippi Gulf Coast Federal Buying Agencies.

Topics to be addressed include obtaining federal, state and local government contracts, taking advantage of the government purchase card program, receiving payment on government contracts faster; managing cash flow better using electronic commerce; setting up a merchant credit card account for government and commercial

purchases.

The symposium is sponsored by Whitney National Bank, Mississippi Procurement Center, USM Small Business Development Center, Gulf Coast Business Technology Center and the Mississippi Enterprise for Technology.

To register call the Mississippi Procurement Center at 228 396-1288 or fax to 228 396-2520. Seating will be limited.

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BIOGRAPHY

- Born and raised in George County, Mississippi
- Graduate of Lucedale High School
- Graduate of Mississippi State University
- President of Batson and Brown Engineering
- County Engineer for Jackson, George, Greene, and Stone Counties
- President of the Mississippi Board of Registration for Engineers and Land Surveyors
- Member, Masonic Lodge and Rotary International
- Church Clerk and Sunday School Teacher
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Waveland P.D. seeks suspect in robbery

BY ED LEPOMA

Waveland police are seeking information on the whereabouts of a black male, who robbed the clerk of the Waveland Holiday Inn at gunpoint late Saturday night.

According to Police Chief James Varnell, the suspect is a black male, approximately 5 foot 9 inches tall. He was wearing a camouflage mask, a dark hooded jacket, white tennis shoes and dark colored gloves.

The armed robbery was called in to Waveland Police about one minute to midnight Saturday by the desk clerk, according to Varnell, and officers arrived on the scene within a minute.

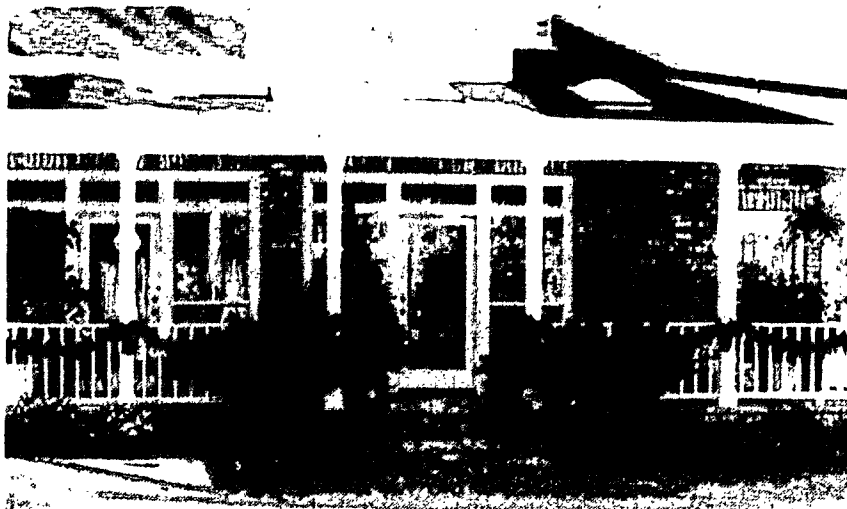
The clerk told police he was in the back of the office at the Holiday Inn on Hwy. 90 when he heard a noise, went to the

front desk and saw a black male suspect jump over the counter. The clerk said the suspect pulled out a small silver automatic handgun and ordered him to turn over all of the money. After turning over the money, the clerk said the suspect pushed him into the back office and ordered him to stay there while he looked for more money.

The clerk said the suspect then tore the fax machine out of the wall socket and the video camera from the wall before he fled.

Varnell said the desk clerk was not injured, but did not see the suspect leave the area because he stayed in the back office until he heard other voices in the lobby.

Anyone who has information is asked to call the Waveland Police Department at 467-3669.



Golf Course garden

The Diamondhead Garden Club selected the home of Frank and Mary King, Alawai Ave., as the Golf Course Garden of the Month for December.

Krewe of Nereids seeks entries for parade

The good times roll again this year on Feb. 7 when the Krewe of Nereids parades in the Bay-Waveland area. The krewe invited community groups to enter and join the fun. No fee is charged for parade entries.

Parade entries may be floats, marching or walking groups, dancers, maskers or other type of family entertainment groups.

Prizes are awarded in four categories: walking groups, floats sponsored by businesses, floats sponsored by neighborhood groups, and floats sponsored by krewe.

To request an entry form, call

Mrs. Richmond at 467-9057, ext. 227, 7:30 a.m.-4 p.m. weekdays or 255-8271 after 6 p.m.

Entry forms may also be picked up at the Hancock County Chamber of Commerce on Hwy. 90 in Bay St. Louis. A complete set of parade rules will be sent at time of entry.

"Come and take part in the fun and excitement of the 33rd annual Nereids parade. Over 100 units participate. Send in your entry form today. Deadline for entries is Sunday, Jan. 24," said spokesman Sheila McCarthy.

Kellar raises concern over planned rerouting of Hwy. 603 at Hwy. 53

BY ED LEPOMA

At least one Hancock County official has raised concerns about the state Highway Department's plans to reroute Hwy. 603 as it enters Hwy. 53 in the northern part of the county.

County Administrator Tim Kellar complained to supervisors Monday and said the rerouting "would virtually put Peterson's store out of business."

O.J. Peterson later told the Echo that his family has invested between \$200,000 and \$300,000 into a quick stop, where motorists and nearby residents come to purchase gasoline and fast foods. There is also a video shop.

The business has been operating since 1995, and before he

built, Peterson said he saw plans for the rerouting of Hwy. 603, "but now it's taken a different direction."

He said the proposed rerouting would cut into Hwy. 53, just south of his store, requiring motorists to cut back in order to frequent his businesses.

Kellar wanted supervisors to adopt a resolution opposing the proposed rerouting, but supervisors said they wanted to wait until elections Tuesday, when voters will decide who will replace Ronnie Shows as Transportation Commissioner for the Southern District.

Supervisors said they plan to call the new commissioner into a workshop session as soon as possible to discuss the proposed rerouting.

School board hears construction update

BY B. R. HAWKINS

Hancock County School Board members heard an update from construction manager Doug Necaise concerning progress on a number of projects currently underway in the district.

Necaise reported Gulfview Elementary School officially served its first meal Monday from the new cafeteria. Final touch-ups for work on walk-way canopies are nearing completion, and site shaping and landscaping is in progress.

He told board members that during the holidays workers completed parking lot paving at Charles B. Murphy and repair work to both the boys' and girls' restrooms was finished. The board approved, at his request, a 14-day weather-related contract extension request from Stark Construction Co. for work at Charles B. Murphy.

Road borings for water line installation at the new elementary school on Kiln-DeLisle

Road have been completed and contractors are continuing with concrete, electrical, plumbing and block work. Necaise said steel erection and block work at the new middle school on Stennis Airport Drive has begun.

In construction and renovation-related matters, the board approved two payments to GM&R Contractors of Waveland in the amounts of \$532,807 for work at the middle school and \$467,425 for work at the new elementary school.

The board authorized payment to Sumrall Class Co., in the amount of \$10,407 for covered walkways to Gulfview Elementary School, as well as accepted a bid of \$3,972 for fencing for the school from the Can't Be Beat Fence Company.

Board members accepted low bids for science equipment for the middle school from MISCO in the amount of \$75,888 and for kitchen equipment from Associated Food in the amount of \$269,386.



Residential garden

The Diamondhead Garden Club selected the home of Eddie and Joan Moore, Makiki Drive, as the December Residential Garden of the Month.

First Assembly offers Bible College classes

First Assembly of God Church in Waveland, the Mississippi campus site for Koinonia Bible College, will offer three classes for the winter quarter of '99.

On Monday, beginning Jan. 11, two courses, "Basic Sound Engineering," taught by Joe Fortes, and "Beginning Sign Language," taught by Kathy Fortes, will be from 7-9 p.m.

On Saturday, "Survey of the Cults," by Dr. Richard McGovern will be from 9:30-noon.

First Assembly is located at 1912 Arnold Street in Waveland. Other campus sites for this quarter include Slidell and New Orleans.

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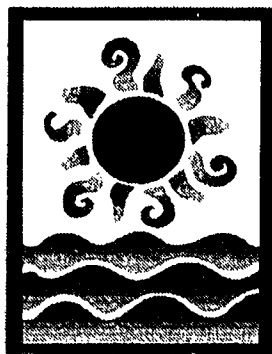
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Grieving Support Group

A Wholesome Grieving Support Group will meet every second Wednesday, of the month 3-5 p.m. and 6-8 p.m. at the Hancock Senior Care Office in Bay West Professional Center, 1011 Hwy. 90, across from the Waffle House. The meetings are free of charge.

For information, call Edmond Fahey Funeral Home at 467-9031 or Hancock Senior Care at 467-4675.



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St. Paul's lists pre-carnival festivities

St. Paul's Carnival Fournier Bentz Team has posted its schedule of Mardi Gras events to be held in St. Paul's gymnasium in Pass Christian.

A "Candlelight Extravaganza" is set at 7 p.m. Friday, Jan. 8, and will feature a new-lywed game and a silent auction. The \$12.50 per person donation buys a ribeye steak dinner with baked potato, green salad, rolls, ice tea and an ice cream sundae dessert. The Crossroads Band will begin at 9 p.m. and will play until 1 a.m.

The team will host a chicken dinner Sunday, Jan. 10, from 11 a.m. until 2 p.m. Take-out order will be available. The menu will include baked or barbecued chicken, potato salad, green beans or baked beans, French bread, tea and bread pudding. Adult plates are \$5. Children's plates are \$3.

A Seafood Dinner Special is scheduled Saturday, Jan. 16, beginning at 7 p.m.

For information concerning these events or the \$10,000 drawdown slated at 7 p.m., Jan. 22, in the Harrison County Civic Center, Esplanade Ave., contact Edward "Inky" Fournier at 452-7152 or call Helen Bentz at 388-4116.

Spring semester registration set at Pearl River

New student registration for the 1999 spring semester at Pearl River Community College will be Thursday, Jan. 7 and Friday, Jan. 8 according to a last name alphabetical schedule.

Students who were enrolled in the fall semester and did not participate in early registration Nov. 2-20 will register during late registration Monday, Jan. 11 through Thursday, Jan. 14.

New students will register Thursday, Jan. 7 according to the following schedule.

8:30 a.m. — Z, Y, X, W, V, U, T
9:30 a.m. — S, R, Q, P
1 p.m. — O, N, M, L

Night class registration is set 3-6 p.m.

The Friday, Jan. 8 scheduled includes:

8:30 a.m. — K, J, I, H
9:30 a.m. — G, F, E, D
1 p.m. — A, B, C

Night class registration is 3-6 p.m.

Day and night classes begin Monday, Jan. 11.

Water district sets meeting

The Hancock County Water & Sewer District will have a monthly public information meeting Monday Jan. 11 at 8 a.m. at the District Office at 3068 Longfellow Road in Bay St. Louis.

The public is invited to attend.

Man charged with arson in Long Beach

Edward Lewis Stewart, 26 of Gulfport has been arrested and charged with arson in the third degree, according to Long Beach Police reports.

The arrest stems from a joint investigation by Det. Sgt. Fred Rettig of the Long Beach Police Department and Battalion Chief, Mike Brown of the Long Beach Fire Department, into an automobile fire which occurred in a residential area of Long Beach.

Rettig said the incident occurred at approximately 3:29 a.m., Saturday, Jan. 2 at the home of Stewart's ex-girlfriend. The car involved, a 1982 Ford Fairmont, was totaled.

Justice Court Judge Louise D. Ladner set bond at \$100,000. Stewart is being held in the Harrison County Adult Detention Facility.

Tax workshop set at public library

A free educational workshop "Attacking Taxes," is scheduled at 1:30 p.m., Saturday, Jan. 16 at the Bay St. Louis-Hancock County Public Library.

Speaker will be Sal Crespo, CFP financial consultant from Salomon Barney.

Topics will include how lower capital gains taxes could affect portfolios; taking advantage of IRAs and year-end tax planning.

To make a reservation, call the library at 467-5282.

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Picayune Maroon Tide nips SSC Rock-A-Chaws, 46-37

BY JOSEPH W. GEX II

The Picayune Maroon Tide and the St. Stanislaus Rock-A-Chaws squared off in the Brother Peter Memorial Gymnasium on Tuesday, Jan. 5, to decide the undisputed leader in Division 7 Class 4A basketball.

Picayune came in showcasing their 6'11" All-American center Jonathan Bender, a Mississippi State signee. SSC entered the contest sporting a 11-game win streak and an 18-2 record.

The Rocks lost to Picayune earlier in the year by 18 points in a game played in Picayune. SSC held the Maroon Tide to 46 points and outscored them 30-27. However, it just wasn't enough as the Tide nipped the Rocks 46-37.

Picayune opened the game with a Jonathan Bender dunk after the tip-off. SSC's Paul Farve answered with a three-pointer at the other end to make the score 3-2.

SSC jumped out to a 5-2 lead on the Maroon Tide but with 3:15 left in the opening period the SSC bench was hit with a technical foul.

Bender nailed both free shots and jumper on the inbound pass to give the Maroon Tide a lead that they would not relinquish.

Brandon Arcement canned a three-pointer with :29 left in the

first to bring the Rocks to within one point at 11-10.

The Tide scored two quick baskets to push the score to 15-10 to open the second stanza. Picayune opened their lead to 19-13 before Farve answered with a three-pointer with 2:38 left in the first half to make the score 19-16.

Dawson McCall closed out the half for the Rocks nailing another trey with 1:28 left in the half. The shot made the score 21-19 and Rocks went into the intermission down by a basket.

Stephen Peterman opened the second half for the Rocks with a basket that tied the game at 21-21. However, Picayune pushed their lead to 31-25 by the end of the third period.

The fourth period was the highest scoring period for both teams in the game. Picayune outscored the Rocks 15-12 to take the victory.

SSC head coach Jay Ladner commented, "Defensively, we put ourselves in position to win the game. We held Jonathan Bender and Ricky Bennett to below their averages and played aggressive defense. We did not do a good job of shooting the ball tonight."

"Picayune has a good ballclub. They play a slow-tempo game and they did a good job of controlling that tonight. Right

now, we have to get back to work and get ready for Petal on Friday night in Petal."

Paul Farve was the only Rock in double figures with 17 points. He added a team high seven rebounds and four steals in the loss. Grady Willis dished out four assists. Jonathan Bender led Picayune and all scorers with 18 points. Ricky Bennett added 15 points.

With the loss, the Rocks fall to 18-3 overall, and 2-2 in the division. Both losses in the division were to Picayune.

Basketball wrap-up

Hancock Boys, 50
Oak Grove, 56

In other area play, Hancock Hawks lost to Oak Grove 56 to 50. Hancock's Jeremy Garriga scored 26 points: 10 from the floor including one three-pointer and three out of four from the foul line. He pulled down six rebounds. Jabrell Cook grabbed eight rebounds, hit for 13 points and was two for four from the free shot line. The Hawks stayed with the fast-paced Oak Grove offense for the first quarter only to fall behind at the end of the first quarter.

Hancock is four and 16 on the season and will play again Friday night, Jan. 8 in the Picayune Invitational Tournament.

Hancock Girls, 56
Oak Grove, 42

Jessica Pucheu hit for 21 points including one three-pointer and offered up seven assists against Oak Grove Tuesday night. Mindy Ladner and Brandy Ladner followed with 11 and 10 points respectively. M. Ladner pulled down 15 rebounds and B. Ladner took in 11 rebounds. Jaynell Ladner chalked up five steals and seven points. Hancock Lady Hawks are 16 and six on the season and five and one in district play.

Bay High Girls, 61
Pearl River Central, 33

Willmae Fulton offered up another consistent performance for the Bay High Lady Tigers Tuesday. She scored 14 points and grabbed six rebounds. Keely Marshall and Shenma Ambrose provided steadfast leadership, scoring 12 and 10 points each respectively along with each posting five assists.

Bay High jumped out to an 11 to 3 lead in the first period. PRC picked only five more points before the end of the half. Despite, matching Bay High point for point in the third period, PRC couldn't keep pace. Bay High won 61 to 33 leaving them 16 and seven on the season and six and one in district play.

Soccer roundup

OLA Crescents down Picayune, 6-1; run winning streak to 11 games

Our Lady Academy turned back the Lady Maroon Tide in Picayune, 6-1, Tuesday night in high school soccer action as the Crescents ran their record to 11-0 on the season.

Leslie Esher scored three goals for OLA. Ashley Chrisman, Kara Harshbarger and Emily Meyers also scored for the Crescents.

"This was probably the coldest night of the season, but we were hot," Crescent coach Karen Hunt stated. "Beautiful passing, concentrated teamwork and superior execution of game tactics put us on top early and kept us there."

OLA will travel to Slidell tonight to face Pope John Paul High School. The junior varsity contest will begin at 6 p.m. followed by the varsity game.

St. John 2, Bay High girls 1

The Bay High Lady Tigers lost to the St. John Lady Eagles for the second time this season Tuesday night at County Road Field, 2-1.

St. John took an early lead when one of their forwards took a cross pass to beat the Lady Tigers' last defender and tapped the ball into the net.

The Lady Eagles continued pressure on the defense, and the Lady Tigers were unable to mount any serious offensive threats. St. John took a 2-0 half-time lead when a high, booming kick bounced over the last Bay High defender and was hammered into the net.

In the second half, the Bay girls penetrated the St. John defense with several crosses in front of the Lady Eagle goal, but were unable to position a scoring player.

The Lady Tigers finally scored with a cross from Sky Thomas to Ashley Ponder.

The 5-4 Lady Tigers will host Hattiesburg Saturday at 2:30 p.m. The junior varsity girls will also face Hattiesburg beginning at 1 p.m.

Bay High 1-St. John 1
The Bay High Tigers and the St. John Eagles played to a 1-1 tie in a non-district soccer contest Tuesday night at County Road Field in Harrison County.

Bay High dominated the first half, outshooting St. John 9-3, but were unable to score until mid-half when Ray Soldinie took a pass from Billy Kenny and fired it past the Eagle keeper.

St. John scored late in the half when a long pass was

headed by a Bay defender into the path of a charging Eagle striker.

The second half was a defensive standoff with the contest ending in a 1-1 tie.

Bay High, 6-2-2, will travel to Oak Grove Friday for a 7 p.m. matchup with the Warriors. The junior varsity team will also play beginning at 5:30.

SSC 8-Picayune 0

The St. Stanislaus Rock-A-Chaws shut out the Picayune Maroon Tide 8-0 Tuesday night. Justin Wadsworth led the way with three goals and an assist as the Rocks improved to 8-1.

Jonathan Gagnon and Nick Middleton had two goals each and Brennan Brooks had one

John Rich had five assists and Middleton added two.

The Rocks scored four times in each half and outshot Picayune 18-0. Keeper Neil Favre recorded his fifth shutout of the year.

St. Stanislaus will host Petal tonight at 6 p.m. and will participate in the Millsaps Tournament Friday and Saturday.

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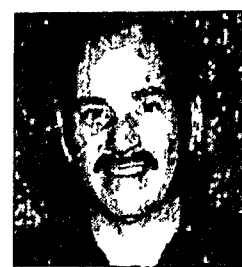
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Taylor—Against landfill

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Pullman's sentiments were echoed by Commissioner and Bay City Councilman Carleen

Moran. She wondered why Taylor waited so long to enter into the debate. Moran pointed out that discussions to find a site in the buffer zone have been ongoing in public for more than three years. "This is his region, his area, that he is so concerned about. Offer us a solution that will help us regionally," Moran said.

She also argued that Taylor "doesn't have any idea" of contractual safeguards put into a pre-bargaining agreement with

the developer of the proposed landfill. "We have some things in there will try to deter out of state garbage," said Moran.

Addressing Taylor's concerns about jeopardizing the future of Stennis, Commissioner and District 3 Supervisor Lisa Cowan pointed out that the current Board of Supervisors announced its intentions to turn to the buffer site for a landfill shortly after taking office, and started looking for sites only after getting the full blessing of

Stennis officials, who said they would not be opposed to the idea.

Bay Mayor Eddie Favre and former Waveland Mayor John Mason, also criticized Taylor's late entry into the picture.

"We haven't done anything behind closed doors. Now, he comes in at the last minute. And, he doesn't address the issues raised," said Favre.

"We've got plenty of problems," said Mason. "We need solutions. Help us."

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The dispute is set for discussion at a 7 p.m. recessed meeting next Monday.

Clark's work to replace 700 feet of an old wooden pier with a concrete structure was financed through a \$500,000 Tideland's Trust grant to the city. Other contractors have been hired to add another 500 feet to the pier, at a cost of some \$425,000.

In other matters Tuesday, council renewed the multi-government agreement that provides for the Hancock County Genetics Task Force, after hearing a report from its director, Jane Corr.

The pact, among Bay St. Louis, Waveland and Hancock County, has been in effect some eight years.

Corr said he plans a Thursday press conference announcing \$20,000 in Task Force proceeds will be handed over to each of the three entities. Other money, from drug-related seizures, will be retained to cover the unit's operational expenses, Corr said.

In the last year, the Task Force made 227 felony drug cases, the most ever, said Corr. Recently the officials auctioned off 12 vehicles that have been seized in the cases, and another nine are to be on the auction block soon, he added.

Corr said he's not comfortable with a suggestion from Thrifflay that the Task Force issue a monthly report on its finances. "I personally don't want to make it known how much we have in our account," said Corr. Much of the money is invested in certificates of deposits, he said, and is handled by the county comptroller.

While some of the funds are used to pay Corr's salary, other money is used in undercover drug buys, for equipment purchases, and for such overhead expenses as rent and utilities, council was told.

Thrifflay said he'd be satisfied with an annual report. Meanwhile, Corr said he's hoping to get grant funds to add a couple of additional police officers to the Task Force.

On another matter, council was told that a court hearing has been set for Feb. 24 in the dispute over horses corralled on Union Street.

Two women appeared at council's meeting Tuesday, complaining that the number of horses at the stable has increased from three or four to five, and at times seven.

Attorney Don Rafferty said the operation is under a court order which doesn't allow additional horses at the stable, and he said the city is "doing everything possible" to have the stable shut down. Rafferty said the case has been set for trial Feb. 24 and 25.

Last May, the city ordered owners of the stable at 300 Union to cease operations, based on complaints of nearby residents.

The owner, Ray Murphy, took the city to court over whether such ordinance is constitutional. Court proceedings have been postponed several times since.

Other matters Tuesday night, council members.

--Appointed Boston

and Zoning Commission, replacing Bobby Heitzmann.

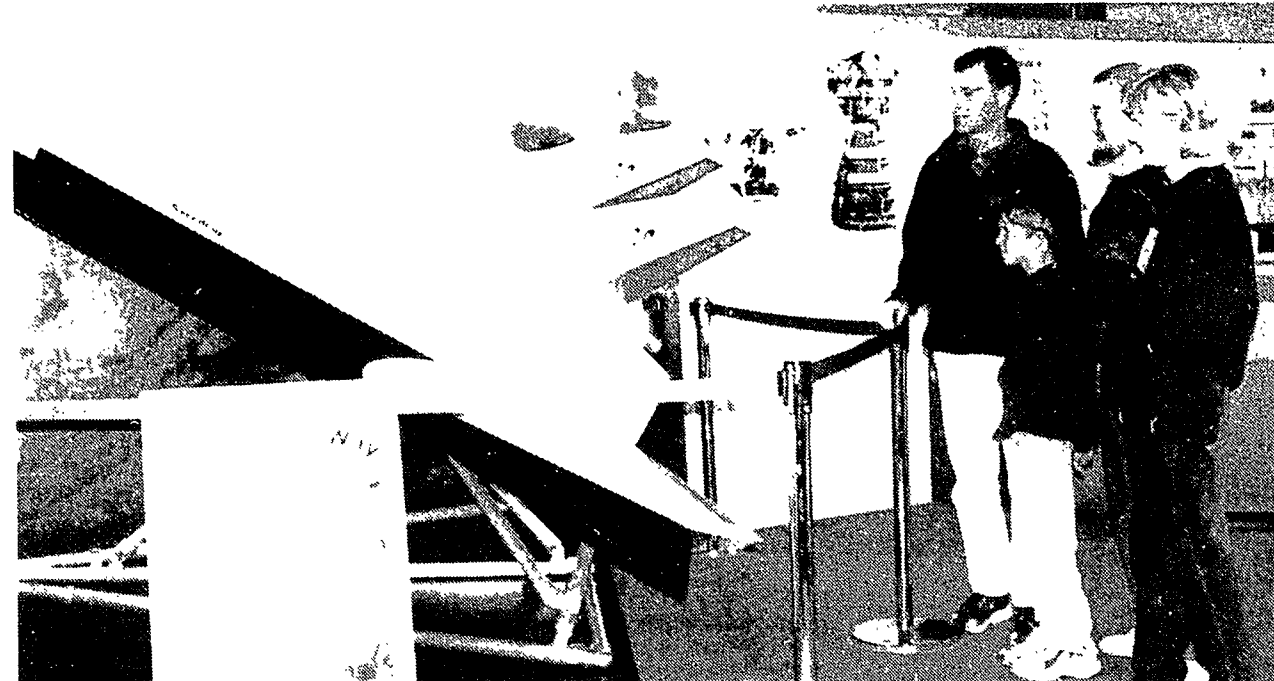
--Appointed Janelle Tompkins and Patricia Tice as deputy clerks for the city.

--Refused a request from Pat Cucullu for \$50 or \$60 to take

several women from the welcome center to lunch. Cucullu said the women work hard to promote Bay St. Louis to tourists, and should be rewarded. When council said they couldn't pay the tab, Cucullu said she'd cover the cost herself.

--Agreed to limit how many city officials can attend the mid-winter legislative conference of the Mississippi Municipal Association. Council agreed to send only themselves, the mayor and one other official.

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Last visitors

Last visitors of 1998 get a glimpse of the future at Stennis Space Center. From left, Chris and Jordan Schafer of San Diego, Calif., Bruce Schafer of Aloha, Ore., and Jill Schafer of San Diego, get an up-close look at a scale model of the X-33. The Schafers were recognized as the last visitors of 1998 to Stennis Space Center. Their visit boosted the center's year-end visitor count to more than 113,000, which is more than the 1997 total of 112,087. This annual figure is comprised of people representing all 50 states and numerous foreign countries. The X-33 is a prototype for NASA's reusable launch vehicle system. The engines for the X-33 will be tested at Stennis. Major enhancements to the Visitors Center are planned to open in the summer of 1999. The Stennis Visitors Center offers daily bus tours seven days a week and is open to the public free of charge. For information, call 1-800-237-1821 (select option 1) in Mississippi and Louisiana or (228) 688-2370.

Board elects officers, hires attorney

BY B. R. HAWKINS

Cheryl Bennett was elected to a fourth term as president of the Hancock County School Board at the first meeting of the new year Monday, Jan. 4. Tony Caston was elected secretary.

Bennett, 42, of Pearlinton, has served as board member since 1991. She is the information services supervisor for Johnson Controls at Stennis Space Center.

Caston, 51, of the Kiln is in his first term as a board member. He owns two convenience stores, a used car lot, a self-storage facility and a number of rental units.

The board voted to retain the services of Eaton and Cottrill Law Firm for a one-year period at a rate of \$100 per hour. Attorney Teri Wylie has worked with the board as counsel for the past six months, replacing Steven C. Benvenutti in June 1998.

The board set the first Tuesday of each month at 5:30 p.m., as the date and time of their regularly scheduled monthly meetings. Also, amended the 1998-99 school calendar to include Friday, May 28 as a teacher work day.

In other matters, the board made initial plans for a workshop to overhaul the district's policy manuals.

The board approved hiring Doug St. Amant as a secondary math teacher at Hancock Junior and Senior High School and Constance Haines, Tammy Ladner, and Myra Cuevas as teachers at Hancock North Central Elementary School.

The board accepted the resignation of bus driver, Shirley Shubert. Mrs. Shubert's resignation was effective Dec. 15, 1998. She has worked for the school district 37 years.

Garcia Forest Service was awarded the contract to plant trees on 124 acres of sixteenth section land at a cost of \$34.43 per acre. Perry Cuevas' bid of \$1,671 for salvage buses was accepted.

The board recessed until 9:30 a.m., Monday, Jan. 11.

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BUSINESS NEWS

Asian flu impacts states agriculture

By Linda Breazeale
MSU Ag Communications

Low yields and market problems brought on by Mississippi's weather challenges and Asian economic problems resulted in an estimated 8 percent loss to the state's agriculture's total gross income.

Dr. John Robinson, agricultural economist with Mississippi State University's Extension Service, said observers should remember 1997 was a record year, and supplies were high going into 1998. The "Asian Flu" resulted in less movement of U.S. products to Pacific Rim countries.

"While some 1998 commodities stand out as dropping significantly in their farm-gate value from the previous year, we had some remarkable records set in 1997 that would have been hard to beat regard-

less of any single factor," Robinson said. "Most growers experienced better-than-average yields and average prices in 1997, but that was not the case in 1998, which was below even the five-year average prices and yields."

Robinson estimated the total crop value dropped about 22 percent from 1997. Cotton, soybeans, corn, rice and wheat posted losses ranging from 16 to 42 percent.

Acreage, production and prices are the three main factors that impact farm-gate values from year to year. 1998 was the third year under the Freedom to Farm Act allowing growers to make planting decisions and playing havoc with commodity totals.

"Wheat lost more than 40 percent for the second year in a row. Last year, blame went to

reduced acreage and blame this year goes to poor prices," Robinson said. "The outlook is making it hard for growers to make planting decisions for 1999. No crop is standing out as the obvious best choice."

Corn also posted a second year of significant declines. After a record 1996 crop, corn's value dropped about 35 percent in 1997 and is estimated to drop another 38 percent in 1998. Corn's farm gate value has changed from \$203.6 million in 1996 to \$133.3 million in 1997. For 1998, the estimated corn value is \$82.4 million.

Mississippi's top crops remained poultry/eggs estimated at \$1.46 billion, timber at \$1.31 billion, and cotton at \$541 million. Poultry/eggs were slightly higher than in 1997, but timber is down less than 1 percent and

cotton dropped about 16 percent.

"The two bright spots were milk, which improved an estimated 14 percent, and catfish with about a 13 percent increase," Robinson said.

"Hogs were a significant decline in the livestock picture with a 24 percent decrease, but the total livestock picture still improved slightly in 1998."

Cattle/calves increased 28 percent from 1996 to 1997, but are estimated to have decreased in 1998 by about 8 percent.

Dr. Charlie Forrest, Extension marketing specialist, said producers waited longer than normal in anticipation of better prices.

"Cattle producers entered 1998 expecting good prices. The delay in feed cattle marketing while producers waited for those better prices resulted in heavier cattle and added to the total beef tonnage," Forrest said. "Even though grain costs were down, feedlots have lost a lot of money in the last 12 to 18 months as they were limited in what they could pay for feeder cattle."

Hogs posted the biggest livestock market losses with an estimated 24 percent decline in farm-gate value.

"You have to go back to the 1950s or '60s to find hog prices as low as right now," Forrest said. "Prices for market hogs have been as low as 8 or 10 cents a pound, which means you could buy a hog ready for slaughter for \$20 to \$25. Without much hope for improvement in the next six months, Mississippi hog farmers will face a tough 1999."

Forrest said the outlook for cattle is better, but they will still face large amounts of competing meat supplies and an uncertain world economy.

Whitney's Allison retires after 51 years in banking

William R. Allison, chief executive officer of Whitney National Bank in Mississippi, has announced that he will retire at the end of this year.

Allison, who has enjoyed a long and distinguished career in banking, will hold the position of vice chairman of Whitney's Advisory Board and plans to stay actively involved in the operations of the bank.

"Mr. Allison has made invaluable contributions to this community and to this company," said Robert Johnson, Whitney's Mississippi state president. "We are grateful for his many years of leadership, and I am personally pleased that he will remain involved with Whitney and especially for his continued support on a local level," Johnson added.

Allison, who began his banking career in 1947 in Shreveport, La., became president of Merchants Bank and Trust in Gulfport in December, 1968. However, that was not his first appointment as a bank president.

At the young age of 27 he was president of 1st State Bank of Waskon, Texas. After that he was president of First National Bank of Lake Jackson, Texas prior to his appointment as president of Merchants Bank and Trust, which had \$7.5 million in deposits and three branch locations.

Under Allison's leadership, Merchants Bank and Trust grew to \$208 million in deposits and 13 branch locations. In April 1997, Merchants Bank and Trust merged with Whitney Holding Corporation of New Orleans to form the new Whitney National Bank of Mississippi.

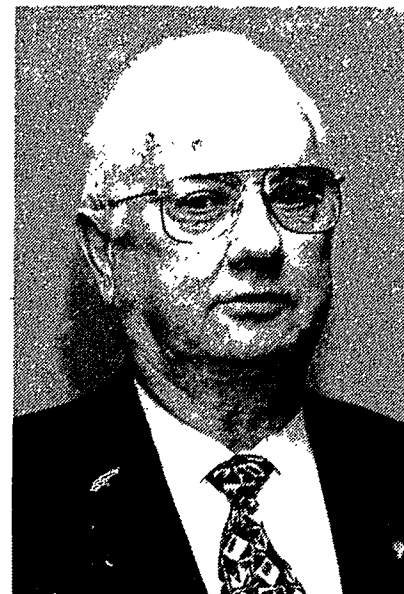
"I have had an exciting career in a field that is a dynamic as any. Banking is dramatically different today than it was when I started as a bookkeeper in 1947. The things that banks can help consumers do today are phenomenal. I have enjoyed growing and developing along with these changes," said Allison.

In addition to his professional activities, Allison has remained actively involved in civic and community initiatives. He has served as a director for the Gulfport Chamber of Commerce, The Salvation Army, Columbia Park Hospital and the Life of Mississippi Life Insurance Company in Jackson.

He was on the Committee of Bank Presidents to finalize the plans of the Mississippi Gulf Coast Coliseum. He has also been a director of the Harrison County Development Commission and served as this organization's third president.

Allison is currently a member of the Gulfport Yacht Club and Windance Country Club. He has been a member of the 1st Baptist Church of Gulfport for 30 years where he is currently a treasurer and has been a Sunday School teacher and an active deacon and trustee.

He is married to Lucille McCormick Allison, and they will soon be celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary. His two children both live and work in the Gulfport community. His



William R. Allison

daughter, Martha A. Douglas, is a teacher in the Harrison County School District, and his son, William Reed Allison Jr., is vice president and a commercial relationship officer with the Whitney. During his retirement Allison plans to spend time with his family and travel.

Whitney Holding Corporation, whose stock is traded on the Nasdaq exchange (WTNY), is the holding company for the wholly owned banking subsidiary Whitney National Bank, with banking locations in the four-state Gulf Coast region, including southern Louisiana, the coastal region of Mississippi, Mobile, Montgomery and the Alabama Gulf Coast region; and the Pensacola area of Florida.

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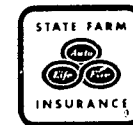


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Jan. 16, Jeffrey Osborne at 9 p.m. Tickets: \$15, \$20 and \$25.

Jan. 22, Diamond Rio at 9 p.m. Tickets: \$15, \$20 and \$25.

Jan. 29, Joan Jett at 9 p.m. Tickets: \$10, \$12 and \$15.

All ticketed shows may be purchased through Ticketmaster or in person at the Casino Magic Gift Shop. Entertainment subject to change. For more information, call the Magic Entertainment Hotline, 1-800-5-MAGIC-5, extension 4015.

Coming in February

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Charity Slot Tournament to benefit

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The first charity slot tournament of the year is Monday, Jan. 11. Registration is 9-11 a.m. in the main lobby with the first round starting at noon. The entry fee is \$10 cash or a 10-pound bag of cat or dog food.

Casino Magic BSL has remodeled

'high limit' area

Casino Magic Bay St. Louis recently remodeled its "high limit" area. The new area offers guests more privacy with a separate room, as well as a dedicated cashier and redemption area. It features high limit blackjack tables and various high limit slots. Stop by and check it out.

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All quarterly winners receive a "Tailgate Ticket" for the Jan. 31, 1999 Superbowl XXXIII giveaway. The prize is a 1998 Dodge Dakota truck.

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Emmy Award-winning comedian to perform in Gulfport Grand

Grand Casino Gulfport will present the comedic talents of Keenen Ivory Wayans as he takes center stage in the intimate Gulfport Grand Showroom 8 p.m. Friday, Jan. 22.

Wayans has proven he can do it all. He has gained national prominence as a comedian, actor, writer, director and producer.

Perhaps he is best known to audiences as the executive producer, writer and star of the Emmy Award-winning comedy television series "In Living Color."

In 1997, Wayans returned to television's variety lineup as the producer and host of his own late-night talk/variety show, "The Keenen Ivory Wayans Show."

The show marked the return of an African-American to the late-night talk/variety wars for the first time since Arsenio Hall

left the fray in 1994. The show had immediate impact and appeal with its debut.

Among his feature film credits, Wayans wrote the screenplay for, starred in, and made his directorial debut with "I'm Gonna Get You, Sucka," wrote, directed and starred in "A Low Down Dirty Shame," and produced "Don't Be a Menace to South Central While Drinkin' Your Juice in the Hood."

Wayans first garnered audience attention as the co-star and author of the critically acclaimed comedy film, "Holly Wood Shuffle," which he co-wrote with Robert Townsend. His most recent foray into the action genre was "The Glimmer Man," in which he starred opposite Steven Segal.

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GRAND SHOWROOM

Jukebox Heroes

Jukebox Heroes will opened at the Gulfport Grand Showroom Dec. 5, starring The Mahoney Brothers in a salute to some of the pioneers of rock 'n' roll. They will re-create Buddy Holly's "That'll Be The Day," The Everly Brothers' "Bye, Bye, Love," Jerry Lee Lewis' "Great Balls Of Fire," Ricky Nelson's "Hello Marylou," and Elvis Presley's "Jail House Rock."

Throughout the show, they do classic carbon-copy impersonations of The Beatles, The Bee-Gees and The Beach Boys.

The female singing star is Susan Thompson. She has appeared in the Broadway musical "Pump Boys and Dinettes" in the role of Rhetta Cup and as Ruth in "Seven Brides for Seven Brothers." Thompson is backed up by The Mistinguett Dancers, choreographed by Sheila Keating.

Showtimes are Sunday, Monday, Tuesday and Thursday 3 and 8 p.m.; Friday and Saturday, 8 p.m. and 10 p.m. with no show on Wednesday.

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ARIES - March 21/April 20

You have an important week ahead of you. Aries. So, be prepared. An influential person is counting on you to get something done. Don't disappoint him or her. Your efforts will be rewarded. A close friend takes you out to lunch late in the week. Try not to be shocked by what he or she has to tell you. Cancer plays a role.

Taurus - April 21/May 21

Your tongue when it comes to a disagreement with a business associate early in the week. Speaking your mind only will make you look bad and give him or her the upper hand. Just keep your cool, and people will be on your side. A loved one drops by unexpectedly. Spend some time with him or her.

GEMINI - May 22/June 21

You have to be patient this week, Gemini, while you're waiting for some important family news. Pacing and yelling won't bring the information any faster. A close friend turns to you in a time of need. Be supportive, and offer him or her a shoulder to cry on. Leo plays a key role on Tuesday.

CANCER - June 22/July 22

You're on cloud nine this week, Cancer. Everything is going well for you, and people are impressed with your efforts. However, don't get caught up in the praise. Continue to work hard. It's the only way to stay on top. That special someone offers you advice. Listen to what he or she has to say. It will be worth it.

LEO - July 23/August 23

Don't let your pride damage a long-time friendship. An argument with a close friend is just as much your fault as it is his or hers. The sooner you

realize this, the sooner you two can make up. A loved one asks you for help with a family matter. Say yes. It's the least you can do for a relative. Scorpio plays a key role.

VIRGO - Aug 24/Sept 22

Strive for perfection when it comes to a professional matter this week, Virgo. With a little effort, you certainly can achieve it. Just stay focused on the task at hand. A family friend gets into trouble and calls on you for help. Do what you can, but don't get in over your head.

LIBRA - Sept 23/Oct 23

You have so much to do this week that you just don't know where to start. Don't get overwhelmed; you can handle this. Just prioritize your tasks, and start at the top of the list. You'll be amazed at what you accomplish.

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Supervisors—Holding on to P&H

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sions across the state

Before the vote, District 3 Supervisor Lisa Cowand said she "doesn't have a problem with the per diem being raised."

but Ladner's all-inclusive motion to keep the status quo leaves that question up to the local legislative delegation

State Rep. J.P. Compretta

called the Echo Wednesday from Jackson Monday during a recess in the current legislative session, and said he will go forward with a private and local bill that would raise the per

diem rate paid P&H Commissioners. "The Hancock County Port and Harbor Commission was created under separate legislation, and the per diem can be changed by amending the enacting legislation," said Compretta. He said he has also learned that there will be an attempt in the legislature to raise the per diem rate statewide for all persons serving on county boards and commissions.

Monday was the board's first meeting of the new year, and supervisors had to deal with mandatory appointments.

On Ladner's recommendation, supervisors voted unanimously to re-elect District 5 Supervisor Philip Moran to another one-year term as president of the board, and Cowand was renamed vice-president.

The Board also unanimously reappointed all department heads and retained Gerald Gex as county attorney and Chancery Clerk Tim Kellar as county administrator for another year.

Supervisors handled a wide range of issues during Monday's meeting.

• They approved a Ladner motion to put out to public bid the harbor master's building proposed at the county's new marina currently near completion off Lakeshore Road in Bayou Caddy. The building would also include handicapped accessible restrooms, and engineering estimates are that it might cost between \$90,000 and \$100,000.

• Approved payments of \$86,925 to J&L Construction of Carriere and \$68,388 to Ladner Trucking for hurricane-related debris hauled to and burned at the Bayou LaCrosse, Catahoula and Standard dump sites, and another \$7,475 to Santa Rosa Construction of Picayune for hauling away non-burnable items, such as refrigerators and other appliances, to a landfill.

• Approved the hiring of Bill Quinn as part-time assistant Zoning Enforcement Officer for the county Planning Commis-

sion. Quinn is a resident of Shoreline Park and has architectural experience.

• Heard a complaint from Janet Villarreal, who lives off Hwy. 603. She said garbage crews frequently destroy cans or don't pick up all the trash, and don't clean up the trash that falls out of trucks.

• Cowand said she planned to ask the County Beautification Committee to soon schedule a cleanup on the water side of the beach while the tide is out.

• Scheduled a workshop for 9:30 a.m. Jan. 8 to discuss the possibility of erecting another traffic lane on the north side of Beach Boulevard and reserving the beachside lane for vehicle parking. The work would be financed by the county and done in coordination with a bike/pedestrian pathway planned by the county and two cities.

Supervisors recessed until Jan. 8, when they are scheduled to open up bids for the long-awaited Juvenile Detention Center.

Wellman—Preparing

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ven't had to go outside the local area to hire hardly at all. "He estimates more than 80 percent of the workforce comes from Hancock, Harrison and Pearl River Counties, with the remainder from nearby St. Tammany and Orleans Parishes."

The operators were put through 24 hours of pre-employment screening and classroom training at the new McDonald Training Center that has been constructed at Port Bienville, then 270 days of actual on-the-job training in order to qualify for top pay.

Hiring the construction crews was more of a problem, according to Woody. "It was extremely competitive to hire pipe welders and fitters," he said. He blamed it on the increased level of activity taking place on the coast in connection with casino expansion, shipbuilding and other industries that are expanding along the Mississippi Coast and in nearby Louisiana.

Along the way, there was the threat of Hurricane Georges.

"We came through it extremely well," said Woody. Although construction crews and plant trainees were given the day off as the storm threatened Hancock County, Woody said the plant never once lost power, and there was little overall damage.

"Some of the roof turned up on the Administration building," said Woody, but overall

there was little damage."

Besides the Administration Building, Wellman has also constructed a warehouse, utility area and production buildings taking up about 250 acres of the site, so there is room for future expansion.

It takes infrastructure improvements and additional equipment at Port Bienville to bring Wellman's new Pearl River facility to life.

Besides the new training center, a new road has been constructed coming from Lower Bay Road on the south end of the site to handle the trucks bringing in some supplies and to haul out the finished product.

A new Waste Treatment Plant has been constructed, and a landing has been dredged and ready to handle the barges bringing in the ethylene glycol. The ethylene glycol is pumped from the barges into a pipeline that runs three quarters of a mile into the plant. In addition,

a new electric substation has been erected at the plant site to provide the 30 megawatts of power needed to run the plant.

Port Bienville's rail line has also been lengthened and strengthened, and the Port just recently leased two more powerful locomotives to handle the increased rail traffic.

Woody estimates Wellman will have a fleet of 700 leased rail cars, each holding a capacity of 220,000 pounds

When the first line comes on, 10 rail cars will be used each day to ship out the finished product, and more than 30 trucks a day will come in and out of the site.

Woody said the destination point for the finished product will be "everything west of the Appalachian mountains, including nearby states, and states as far west as Washington, Iowa, Oklahoma and Wisconsin."

Woody said the second polyester resin production line is scheduled to come on around May 1 of next year, while a third line that will produce polyester stable fiber will come into production near the end of 1999. That line will produce Fortrel, Wellman's copyrighted name for its fiber that is used in carpets, clothing and home furnishings.

The construction workforce at the plant peaked at 1100, but now it is in a phase down mode, with about 800 now on site, and that will continue to decrease, said Woody.

Throughout the construction phase, Woody said, "We have been extremely pleased with the level of cooperation we've gotten from port officials, supervisors, and others involved in a project of this scope."

Woody added, "The entire community and individuals have also helped to make our employees coming into the area feel welcome in their new homes."

Murtagh—Not running

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The new computer system was authorized by the recent legislature, and only three counties of the state's 82 counties have the new system in operation, Murtagh said.

Murtagh offers high praises for his family, residents, elected officials, and most importantly his staff over the years.

In making the announcement that he would not seek reelection this year, Murtagh said, "I thank God for allowing me the privilege and honor to serve you, the people of Hancock County."

Murtagh continued, "I have been blessed with a family that has continually encouraged and supported my endeavors. I will always be grateful to them."

"I wish to express my sincere appreciation to those dedicated professional individuals who have served with me through the years. Their dedication and desire to serve you on a day-to-day basis has brought honor and distinction to themselves and this department. Their excellent work ethics has made this office what it is today."

"I have always enjoyed an excellent working relationship with the various boards of supervisors and my fellow elected officials with whom I have had the privilege to serve. I am most grateful to the board attorneys for their advice and counsel."

Murtagh and his wife of 56 years, Beryl Bourgeois Murtagh, are the parents of seven daughters and a son, 16 grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Murtagh emphasized that he will continue to serve the people to the best of his ability until his term ends Dec. 31, 1999.

Murtagh's assessor/tax collector's staff consists of 19 deputies. One has been with the department for 29 years, Shelia Dema, computer specialist. Sara Lusich Garcia, mapping specialist, has 22 years of service.

Others with 10 or more years in the department include Shir-lene Odham, 16, Lee Bennett, chief appraiser, 15, Caroline Adam and Linda Fricke, both 11; and Candee Breaux and

Helene Moran both 12.

Prior to working for the tax office, Murtagh was employed by Supertane Gas Company working his way up to manager; was a route salesman for Globe Laundry; and was a route salesman for Tom's Peanuts.

Murtagh is a graduate of St. Stanislaus and is a World War II veteran. He has been very active as a member and past commander of Clement R. Bon-temps American Legion Post 139, Bay St. Louis, and served many years as a post trustee, in addition to other offices.

A past president of the Mississippi Assessor/Tax Collectors Association, he was a long-time member of the state's Executive Committee.

Murtagh said the year he was president of the state's association he made some 18 trips to the state capital in Jackson.

When asked what he was going to do when he retires, Murtagh said, "I intend on spending time with my family, and there are a few other things I would like to do, but have been unable to because of my job."

Firefighter

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ter, where he later died.

County Fire Marshal Richard Pate was among Olson's close friends, and he said Hancock County wasn't the only area grieving the loss of the fireman.

Olson, whose nickname was "Big O," had been a volunteer fireman "ever since I can remember," said Pate. He said calls expressing sympathy "have come in from across the state, from the coastal communities, and from Louisiana and Alabama." Among state officials who called were the State Insurance Commissioner Dale George and the State Fire Coordinator's office, Pate said.

Although the accident remains under investigation, Pate said, "Basically, it was just one of those unfortunate accidents. This is a very tragic situation. It hurts all firemen deeply, and it hurts me deeply."

Pate said that Olson was "a good man, always involved in community activities, always helping somebody out."

Pate also praised the dedication of all volunteer firemen who put their lives in jeopardy each time they answer a call. "We're in a business where

there isn't a lot of appreciation for what we do, especially our volunteers," said Pate. "But, this is a situation where we're (firemen) all in a fraternity. When you lose one, whether you know him or not, it hits you very hard," said Pate.

Olson was a longtime em-

ployee of Alcan Cable. His wife, the former Joann Ladner is the daughter of James Ladner, a deputy with the Hancock County Sheriff's Office. They have a teenage son, Ryan.

Funeral services are incomplete, but Pate said he hoped to have a "fireman's funeral."

McLeod may be in line for improvement grant

BY ED LEPOMA

Hancock County's McLeod Park might be in line for state funding.

The news came Monday to supervisors in a report by Jeff Loftus, who serves as the county's consultant to the Gulf Regional Planning Commission.

Loftus told supervisors that state Rep. Dirk Dedeaux is lobbying hard for a \$100,000 grant that would be made available to the park through the state Department of Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks.

Supervisors authorized Loftus to file the funding application, and "get as much as you can get."

According to Loftus, if the funding is approved, it would require a 25 percent match by the county.

Park Ranger Roland Lee said a second boat launch and another comfort station is badly needed at McLeod, which has recently expanded camp sites and is enjoying a sharp increase in visitors.

The park just recently completed a bath house, complete with toilet facilities and showers, but Lee said one bath house wasn't enough at the popular park.

Lee said plans call for the new boat launch and comfort station to be constructed on the east side of Jimmy Lake.

Races—Candidates qualify

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elect to serve out a two-year term after George Heitzmann resigned. He started working for Heitzmann in the tax office in 1972.

Moran, a Democrat who is serving his first term as supervisor and also serves as president of the Board, is the only incumbent supervisor having opposition at this time.

Three candidates have filed in the District 5 race. They are Republicans Rick Fair and David Depreo and Democrat A.J. Cuevas.

In the Sheriff's race, two Democrats have filed qualifying

papers, while Peterson has not yet announced he will seek reelection. The two candidates in the field so far are Burt Johnson and Donald Watson.

Former Waveland Mayor Stella H. Frilot, a Democrat, has filed to run for Justice Court Judge West, and Joseph "Joe" Dobson Sr., a Democrat, for Justice Court Judge East.

Incumbent Supervisors Lynnie "Jeep" Ladner (District 1) Rodrick "Rocky" Pullman (District 2); Lisa Cowand (District 3); and Steve Seymour (District 4) have qualified to seek reelection. Cowand is the lone Re-

publican on the incumbent Board of Supervisors.

Incumbent Chancery Court Clerk Tim Kellar, a Democrat, will seek a second consecutive term; and incumbent Circuit Court Clerk Pam Metzler will run for a fourth consecutive term. Both are Democrats.

The first primary election is scheduled Tuesday, Aug. 3, with the second primary scheduled Tuesday, Aug. 24. The general election is Tuesday, Nov. 2, with a special runoff election, if necessary, scheduled Tuesday, Nov. 16.

Waveland—Drainage project

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mounted roll-down shutters to exterior windows and custom storm shutters to exterior doors at the Bay St. Louis Senior Citizens Center where the shelter would be located.

"We're looking diligently to find the money. After going through the hurricane (Georges), we definitely have a need to find a special needs shelter," said Longo at Monday's workshop meeting. "We

haven't found where we can scale back so we can afford it."

—The board approved hiring Curtis Quake as the city's Animal Control Officer.

—The 1999 Narcotics Task Force Interlocal Agreement between Hancock County and the cities of Bay St. Louis and Waveland was approved.

—Approval was given for the purchase of five Barnes

Submersible pumps for the Public Works Department at a total cost of \$8,250.

—The regular workshop meeting scheduled for Monday, January 18 has been rescheduled to Tuesday, January 19 at 6 p.m. in observance of the Martin Luther King holiday. The regular meeting will be held Wednesday, January 20 at 6:30 p.m.

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